

REMARKS

In paragraph 2 of the Action, claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Zumpano.

In view of the rejection, claims 1-3 and 5 have been amended, and new claims 6-11 have been filed.

In Zumpano cited in the Action, a restraint assembly includes inflatable members 22, 24 at upper front and rear sides of the occupant. The inflatable member 22 includes chambers A-F, and the inflatable member 24 includes chambers A-C. Each chamber is provided with a pressure sensor 49 located at a side opposite to the occupant 10, as shown in Fig. 2.

In claim 1, the airbag is directed to the passenger airbag. Also, the bag portion to be inflated in front of the occupant has the passenger-facing surface and side portions located at lateral sides of the passenger-facing surface in an inflated state, and the pressure sensor is mounted on an inner surface of at least one of the lateral sides of the bag portion. On the other hand, in Zumpano, the airbag is not the passenger airbag, and the pressure sensor 49 is located at the side opposite to the occupant 10. Namely, the subject of the airbag and the location of the pressure sensor are different from those of the invention.

In claim 5, it is also clarified that an airbag device including the airbag is for a passenger attached to the instrument panel.

In claim 8, the airbag is directed to the driver airbag. Also, the pressure sensor is mounted on an inner surface of the rear portion where the driver does not face. In Zumpano, the airbag is not the driver airbag, and the pressure sensor is mounted on the rear portion where the driver faces.

In claim 11, it is further clarified that the airbag device is used for a driver attached to a steering wheel, and that the

pressure sensor is located on the rear portion outside the steering wheel.


The features of the claims now recited in the application are not disclosed or even suggested by the cited reference.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

One month extension of time is hereby requested. A credit card authorization form in the amount of \$120.00 is attached herewith for the one month extension of time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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